

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation approval for the T-shaped alley southerly of Washington Boulevard and easterly of Santa Fe Avenue.

Recommendation for Council action:

DISAPPROVE the following:

1. Find that the street vacation proceedings, pursuant to the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law, be initiated for the vacation of the public right-of-way shown in blue of Exhibit B of the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) report dated October 3, 2013, attached to the Council file, and that the limits of the vacation area be not be permitted to be adjusted based on the final alignment of the right-of-way of Santa Fe Avenue, as follows:

The T-shaped alley southerly of Washington Boulevard and easterly of Santa Fe Avenue.

2. Find that the vacation (No. VAC-E1401221) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(3) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.
3. Find that there is a public benefit to this street vacation and upon vacation of the street, the City is not relieved of its ongoing obligation to maintain the street and any potential liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved street easement.
4. Find that in conformance with Section 556 of the City Charter, the vacation is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan.
5. Find that in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code, the vacation area is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities.
6. Adopt the BOE report dated October 3, 2013, with the conditions contained therein.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The BOE reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$14,980 for the investigation of this request pursuant to Section 7.42 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC). Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to Section 7.44 of the LAAC will be required of the petitioner. Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At regular meeting held on September 5, 2018, the Public Safety Committee considered a BOE report regarding street vacation for the T-shaped alley southerly of Washington Boulevard and easterly of Santa Fe Avenue. A representative of Council District 14 commented on the vacation of not being in support. The representative of the applicant additionally commented and

presented arguments to the claims by Council District 14. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to not approve the recommendations in the BOE report and the vacation. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER	ABSENT
OFARRELL	YES
BUSCAINO	YES
RYU	ABSENT
RODRIGUEZ	YES

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